

DECLARATION FOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATION & POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below), or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a United States patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR FILE MANAGEMENT IN DISTRIBUTED ENVIRONMENT

the specification of which was filed as International Application PCT/JP00/02664 on April 24, 2000 and transmitted to the International Bureau.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, and as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Japanese Patent Application No. 114404/1999, filed April 22, 1999

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code,

Section 120 of any United States patent application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

PCT Application JP00/02664, filed April 24, 2000, which is pending.

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Glenn F. Ostrager, Reg. No. 29,963; Leighton K. Chong, Reg. No. 27,621; Dennis M. Flaherty, Reg. No. 31,159; Joshua S. Broitman, Reg. No. 38,006; Manette J. Dennis, Reg. No. _____.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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